

What is claimed is:

1. A distribution method, comprising:

connecting to an online distribution server configured to receive incoming connections from a client;

receiving a list of goods available for electronic and physical distribution to the client;

selecting goods from the list;

adding said selected goods to an electronic shopping cart;

requesting creation of a distribution package according to contents of electronic shopping cart; and

assigning access restrictions for the distribution package.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

sending a client identifier to the online distribution server;

wherein said list has contents constrained according to access privileges associated with the client identifier.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the access privileges associated with the client identifier are stored on the online distribution server.

4. The method of claim 2, further comprising:

storing said access privileges within the client identifier;

wherein said access privileges are signed with a public key of the online distribution server.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the goods comprise physical goods, electronic goods, or services.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein a first grouping of the goods is available electronically, and a second grouping of the goods is unavailable electronically but is available through physical shipping to a client.

7. A readable medium having instructions encoded thereon, said instructions, when executed by a processor, capable of directing the processor to:

- connect to an online distribution server configured to receive incoming connections from a client;
- receive a list of goods available for electronic and physical distribution to the client;
- select goods from the list;
- add said selected goods to an electronic shopping cart;
- request creation of a distribution package according to contents of electronic shopping cart; and
- assign access restrictions for the distribution package.

8. The medium of claim 7, said instructions including further instructions to direct the processor to:

- send a client identifier to the online distribution server;
- wherein said list has contents constrained according to access privileges associated with the client identifier.

9. The medium of claim 8, wherein the access privileges associated with the client identifier are stored on the online distribution server.

10. The medium of claim 8, said instructions including further instructions to direct the processor to:

store said access privileges within the client identifier;

wherein said access privileges are signed with a public key of the online distribution server.

11. The medium of claim 7, wherein the goods comprise physical goods, electronic goods, or services.

12. The medium of claim 11, wherein a first grouping of the goods is available electronically, and a second grouping of the goods is unavailable electronically but is available through physical shipping to a client.

13. A distribution method, comprising:

receiving a connection from a client by an online distribution server;

determining a client identifier;

retrieving from a memory a list of goods and sending the list to the client;

receiving a selection of goods from the list;

adding said selected goods to an electronic shopping cart;

receiving a creation request for a distribution package;

creating the distribution package from the contents of electronic shopping

cart; and

assigning access restrictions for the distribution package.

14. The method of claim 13, further comprising:

determining client access rights associated with the client identifier; and  
restricting the list of goods according to said client access rights.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the access privileges associated with the client identifier are stored in a second memory of the online distribution server.

16. The method of claim 14, further comprising:

storing said access privileges within a client memory storage;  
wherein said access privileges are signed with a public key of the online distribution server so as to prevent tampering of said access privileges by the client.

17. A readable medium having instructions encoded thereon, said instructions, when executed by a processor, capable of directing the processor to:

receive a connection from a client by an online distribution server;  
determine a client identifier;  
retrieve from a memory a list of goods and sending the list to the client;  
receive a selection of goods from the list;  
add said selected goods to an electronic shopping cart;  
receive a creation request for a distribution package;  
create the distribution package from the contents of electronic shopping  
cart; and  
assign access restrictions for the distribution package.

18. The medium of claim 17, said instructions including further instructions to direct the processor to:

determine client access rights associated with the client identifier; and  
restrict the list of goods according to said client access rights.

19. The medium of claim 18, wherein the access privileges associated with the client identifier are stored in a second memory of the online distribution server.

20. The medium of claim 18, said instructions including further instructions to direct the processor to:

store said access privileges within a client memory storage;  
wherein said access privileges are signed with a public key of the online distribution server so as to prevent tampering of said access privileges by the client.

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